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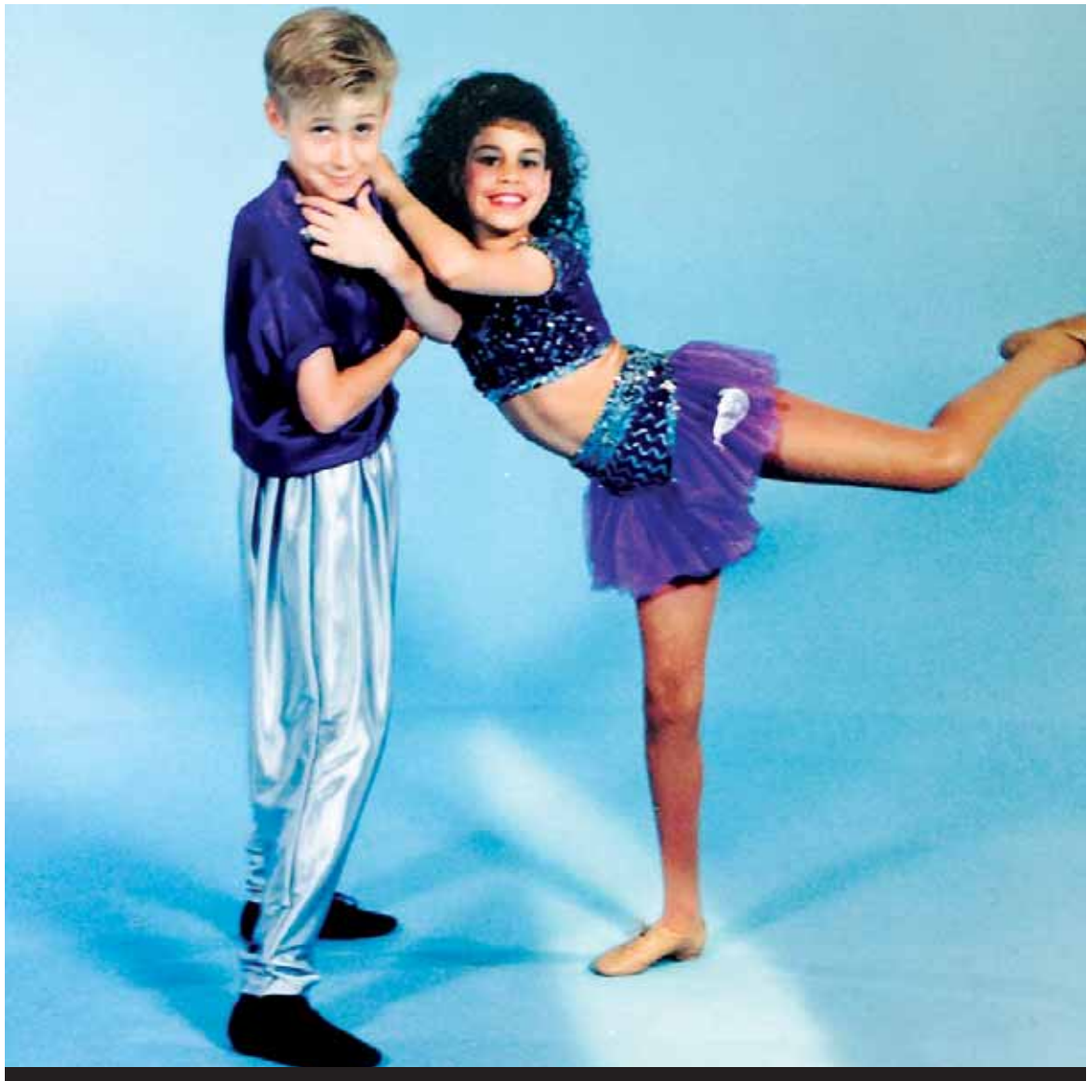

HEY GIRL, WANT TO DANCE?

Hollywood star Ryan Gosling is seen here with Natalie Tessier, artistic director at Ottawa's Elite Dance Studio, in a 1992 photo. The two danced together in Kanata in the early 1990s before Gosling reached stardom. The movie star is featured in video footage of a dance recital at Centrepointe Theatre, dating back to June 1992. More coverage, page 6. COURTESY PORTRAITS NOW

Victim to confront cyberbully

Court. Roland Stieda will read a victim impact statement directly to the man who had harassed him since 2002

When Roland Stieda reads out his victim impact statement Thursday in court, he's going to remind his online harasser of the "fear and concern" he brought into his family's lives for 12 years.

Last October, 42-year-old Robert Campbell pleaded guilty to dozens of charges that included criminal harassment, defamatory libel, and identity fraud.

Ottawa police arrested him last summer following an extensive investigation that included police agencies from Canada, the U.S., and the U.K. Authorities identified 38 victims.

In an August 2014 interview with Metro, Stieda said Campbell created fake email addresses and social media profiles to spread lies about him to coworkers and other people he knew. The cyber harassment dates back to 2002.

Five victim impact statements from Stieda's family will be entered into the record Thursday on day one of Campbell's two-day sentencing hearing.

The Crown is expected to read three statements, but Stieda and his youngest daughter will address Campbell directly.

"I was dealing with anywhere from two to six fake LinkedIn profiles and/or false emails a week," said Stieda Wednesday. "On a weekly basis, myself and one of the other (victims) was contacting the police. At some point in time you sort of become numb."

Stieda doesn't know what an appropriate sentence would look like, but whatever Justice Ann Alder decides, it should include jail time, he said.

He also has two other requests: that Campbell have no contact with any victims and that the accused receives whatever support he needs.

Investigating online harassment has its challenges, especially since perpetrators tend to carry out their malicious acts anonymously.

However, Ottawa police Staff Sgt. Carl Cartwright told Metro total anonymity is "a perception more than a reality."

"As with other police agencies, we are a learning organization. Investigators adapt, continuously update their training and develop investigative techniques to overcome these obstacles."

For Stieda, the stress he endured has calmed down.

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Budget, 2.5% transit hike passed

The city's 2015 budget passed unanimously Wednesday by council with no significant amendments.

The $3-billion budget includes an increase in both rural and urban residential property taxes of two per cent; the commercial rate will rise by 1.37 per cent.

Fares for OC Transpo are set to rise by roughly 2.5 per cent as of July 1.

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Hospital

Ottawa man hit by falling ice

An Ottawa man is in serious but stable condition in hospital after a large chunk of ice fell on top of him in the city's downtown area.

The 56-year man had been walking on the sidewalk on Cooper Street Tuesday when a piece of ice weighing more than 90 kilograms fell from a building. He suffered a deep cut to the back of his head, a possible concussion and a fractured collar bone.

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Safety

OPP sets sights on distracted driving

As law enforcement gears up to launch the annual Distracted Driving campaign, the OPP says it is likely that deaths resulting from distracted driving will continue to beat impaired driving as the single greatest cause of road accidents in the province — for the seventh year in a row. METRO

Two charged after terror suspect beaten in jail

Court sketch of Carlos Larmond
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two men already behind bars are facing more charges, in relation to last week's beating of 24-year-old Ottawa terror suspect Carlos Larmond at the Innes Road jail.

Ottawa police say the beating happened on March 3 at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre, where Larmond and his twin brother, Ashton Larmond, are being held on terrorism-related charges.

Carlos was arrested at Montreal's Pierre Elliott Trudeau airport on Jan. 9 and is also facing a charge of participating in the activity of a terrorist group.

Ottawa police Staff Sgt. Carl Cartwright said Carlos' injuries are not life threatening, but could not provide any details.

Michael Clarke and Terrence Wilson are both charged with assault causing bodily harm.

Carlos' lawyer, Joseph Addelman, declined to comment on the beating.

The Larmond brothers are scheduled to appear in court on March 16 as they wait to set a date for a bail hearing.

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Baird leaving House of Commons for good

Politics. 'I will be stepping down as MP on March 16,' former foreign affairs minister announces

John Baird says he'll step down as an MP as of Monday.

The former foreign affairs minister stunned political watchers last month when he resigned his cabinet post and said he'd be leaving politics entirely.

Baird's resignation from the Commons ends a political career that started when he joined the Progressive Conservative youth wing.

The 45-year-old was first elected to the Ontario legislature in 1995, and held a variety of posts in the Mike Harris Conservative government before jumping to the Commons in 2006.

In Ottawa, he became one of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most high-profile ministers.

He held a variety of portfolios, including environment, transport, infrastructure and government House leader before becoming foreign affairs minister in 2011.

He announced his departure Wednesday on Twitter.

"After 20 great years representing my community I will be stepping down as MP on March 16. It has been an honour to serve."

Baird, with his roots in the Harris government, was one of the so-called blue Tories who supported the merger of the Progressive Conservative and Canadian Alliance parties.

He also supported Stephen Harper's bid for the leadership of the new Conservative Party of Canada.

When he first came to the Commons he was seen as a loud, two-fisted partisan, always ready to shout down the opposition, but he seemed to mellow as time went on.

"I quickly learned, though, to make a difference — to really make a difference — you can't be defined by partisanship, nor by ideology," he told the Commons after he resigned from cabinet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

John Baird announces his resignation as he speaks in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Feb. 3. Baird says he'll step down as an MP as of Monday.
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‘High-risk arrest’ comes up empty

Crime. Male suspect known to police remains at large and investigation continues, police say

Police guard a property at 4049 Hawthorne Rd. in the south end of the city Wednesday afternoon. Officers descended on the address to arrest a male suspect but came up empty-handed. ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND

Ottawa patrol and tactical police officers descended on a property on Hawthorne Road in the city’s south end Wednesday afternoon for a “high-risk arrest” of a male suspect, who remains at large.

Officers searched a commercial and residential property at 4049 Hawthorne Rd. near Leitrim Road, but came up empty-handed and no one was taken into police custody.

Const. Chuck Benoit, Ottawa police spokesman, refused to confirm whether the male suspect is considered armed and dangerous, given the high-risk nature of the anticipated arrest.

Police have not released a description of the male, whom investigators believe is still in Ottawa.

“There’s no need for the public to be aware or be concerned,” Benoit said, adding that there is no risk to public safety.

“We already know who the person is.”

The two-hour closure of Hawthorne Road between Leitrim and Rideau roads just before 1 p.m. until about 3 p.m. was done based on information officers received earlier in the day that suggested the arrest would have an element of risk.

“The safety of the officers is paramount while doing an arrest, as well as the individual himself, and (based on) information from the start of this call, we had to use (every) precaution,” Benoit said.

“It was easier to close down a road, make it safer for the officers and deal with it that way.

“At this time they’re still working on arresting the male through other means or to locate him,” said Benoit.

Asked whether police are focusing on other addresses in the city, he said, “it depends how the investigation progresses and how the individual either turns himself in or gets arrested.”

ERIN MCCRACKEN/METROLAND NEWS SERVICE

Push grows to move memorial to victims of communism

A petition asks that the National Memorial to Victims of Communism, shown in a drawing, be relocated. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HANDOUT

A University of Ottawa student’s petition to move the National Memorial to Victims of Communism has gathered more than 1,200 signatures.

“It’s not that we are opposing the memorial itself, rather, that we are opposing the location,” said Kayla Carman, a fourth-year anthropology and public policy student who launched the online Move the Memorial petition and Facebook page.

Tribute to Liberty, a private charity, is planning to build the memorial on 5,000 square metres of land next to the Supreme Court of Canada. It’s intended to commemorate the 100 million people who have died under communist regimes.

The petition echoes the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada’s request to move the memorial about 300 metres west — to the Garden of the Provinces and Territories.

Some say they would rather see a new Federal Court building, as was previously proposed, to complete the “Judicial Triad” on the land adjacent to the Supreme Court.

Carman said she disagrees with how the location was chosen. “You can’t sum it up with one argument,” said Carman. “There’s lots of different reasons why people disagree with it. The petition is a wonderful mechanism to facilitate that kind of discussion.”

Ottawa-area MPs have also joined the chorus of voices against the memorial site.

Liberals David McGuinty (Ottawa–South), Mauril Bélanger (Ottawa–Vanier) and Ottawa Centre NDP MP Paul Dewar said they have heard from many constituents concerned about the memorial’s location.

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Hey girl, meet the Ottawa woman who danced with 11-year-old Ryan Gosling

Celebrity. Childhood dance partner says she had a crush on the now big Hollywood actor

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Long before he was the class clown on Breaker High, melted women's hearts in The Notebook, and played a badass in Drive, Ryan Gosling wore glittery MC Hammer pants on stage with Ottawa dancer Natalie Tessier.

Newly released video footage of a dance recital at Centrepointe Theatre dating back to June 1992 has recently surfaced online and has attracted international attention. The clip has been featured in Time, BuzzFeed, People magazine and the Sydney Morning Herald. Gosling himself retweeted a link to the video on Saturday.

Tessier, a French immersion teacher, identified herself as the brunette girl in the video to Gosling's left. She was nine, he was 11 — and yes, she had a crush on him.

"Oh, totally," said Tessier, now 32, in an interview with Metro on Wednesday.

"I think every girl had a crush on him. Everybody wanted to be around him, everybody wanted to be in his group. Everyone wanted to have a part with him because they knew he stole the show. He had the moves."

Her mom, Gail Tessier-MacMurray, noticed Gosling, who lived in Cornwall at the time, at a local talent show in Ottawa in 1991. Impressed by his singing, she invited him to train at her studio in Kanata, Elite Dance Studio, which he did for the next two years.

It was by chance that Tessier was chosen as Gosling's dance partner as they practised and performed a number of jazz routines in the Ottawa area.

An 11-year-old Ryan Gosling in 1992 with dancers from Ottawa's Elite Dance Studio, where he trained for two years.
PORTRAITS NOW

"He was hilarious. He was super easygoing, had a personality like I had never seen. He drew in a crowd no matter where he was," said Tessier, who is now artistic director at Elite.

She remembers his last time at the studio like it was yesterday. Gosling was leaving for his big break at the Mickey Mouse Club and the studio threw a party around that time.

His road to celebrity status had not even been paved at the time, but he still signed a photo of himself to give to Tessier. In return, she gave him an engraved pen and he gave her a big hug, she said.

There was no kiss goodbye during his farewell in 1993, but she remembers her mom's last words to Gosling.

"She said, 'When you make it big, you don't forget about me,'" she recalled.

"For her and for most of us who are still around who danced with him back in the day, it'd be great to see him and have him come back to the studio. But, he's a big star now."

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Animator nominated for 2015 music video award

Prism Prize. Joel Mackenzie's offering for Rich Aucoin's Yelling in Sleep track is one of 10 nominees for the prize

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Joel Mackenzie has been nominated for a 2015 Prism Prize for his music video for Rich Aucoin's Yelling in Sleep. CONTRIBUTED

An Ottawa animator's award-nominated music video is a mix of 8-bit retro Nintendo characters, Teletoon-style goofy cartoons and the Log Driver's Waltz.

Joel Mackenzie worked on the music video for Rich Aucoin's Yelling in Sleep, which has been nominated for a 2015 Prism Prize.

A jury of 120 music, film and broadcast professionals picked the top 10 music videos of last year. The New Pornographers, Ryan Hemsworth, Chad VanGaalen and Timber Timbre all have music videos in the running for the prize.

Mackenzie — whose animations have appeared on Sesame Street, Teletoon, HBO, BBC Kids and more — said both he and Aucoin were shocked by the nomination.

Both are originally from Halifax and have previously teamed up on videos.

This latest is about a lumberjack who uses nature to defeat a wasp that's destroying the forest. It was also screened at the Ottawa International Animation Festival, under the name Lumberjacked. It's based loosely on the NFB's Log Driver's Waltz — but with 8-bit video characters and Ren & Stimpy-style cartoons.

"I wanted to kind of make up a fun, Canadian mythology," said Mackenzie.

He's hoping to use Lumberjacked as a pilot for a TV show.

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Protesters fight for renter rights

Reform. National group demands greater landlord accountability and pest-free, functioning homes

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Around 20 protesters rallied outside the Timbercreek Communities rental office on Cedarwood Drive to demand fairness for Ottawa tenants on Wednesday.

The protesters demanded that rental buildings be free of pests, with working utilities, and they want bylaws passed that hold landlords accountable to maximum wait times on repairs. ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) Canada, a national organization that stands for social and economic justice for low- and middle-income families, organized the rally.

"I am a big believer in this organization," said George Brown, a lawyer and the federal NDP candidate for Ottawa South. "They understand power."

Mavis Finnamore, chairwoman of ACORN's South Ottawa chapter, spoke at the rally and said renters are powerless in this city.

"What can we do?" said Finnamore. "We can complain, we can tell people not to move in here, but what we really need is laws that will force people to maintain their property properly."

According to Finnamore, Timbercreek refused to fix a pathway leading from her home in Heron Gate until they went to two tribunals. Finnamore said that her mother was injured falling on the path, hurting her ribs and elbow, and she had to spend a summer in rehabilitation. Timbercreek is now required to fix the path by June 30.

Metro attempted to reach Timbercreek, but the company did not respond by press time.

Brown also spoke at the protest. He supervises law students who help renters bring complaints to the Landlord and Tenant Board. He argues the length of time it takes landlords to deal with tenant complaints is unfair, especially when the complaints have to go to the board.

"It takes a lot of work, especially for the tenant," said Brown. "They are the ones who have to take time off of work."

Mavis Finnamore, right, chair of ACORN's South Ottawa chapter, voices concerns about tenants right at a protest Wednesday. NICHOLAS HODGE/FOR METRO

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The money is in addition to $3 million already available through the Training Completion Assurance Fund, posted by the American-based Everest College.

Everest had operated 14 private career schools across the province but the superintendent of private career colleges suspended all its campus activities on Feb. 19 and the college filed for bankruptcy the next day.

A protest at the Ottawa campus of Everest College earlier this year. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

The provincial government says it is providing the funding to ensure students can complete their training at another school without having to pay more tuition.

Those who choose not to complete their training will receive a refund.

"Our government's number 1 priority throughout this process has been the well-being of affected students," Reza Moridi, minister of training, colleges and universities, said in a release.

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Auction

Folklore centre on the upswing with prized guitar

The Ottawa Folklore Centre (OFC) is bouncing back from a disappointing summer with increased numbers and an auction for a guitar handmade by a world-renowned builder.

"We had a tough summer," said Matt Gower, promotions and retail director at the Bank Street music store. "Everything was down as far as students coming in and the retail being down."

In July 2014, OFC held a benefit concert called Folks for the Folklore Centre, and since then, student attendance and sales have increased.

OFC is now partnering with guitar builder William (Grit) Laskin to auction off one of his custom-made acoustic guitars. The guitar is one-of-a-kind, made of Mexican Ziricote wood, and is valued at $16,200. Guitars built by Laskin sell for as much as $20,000 and buyers face a three-to-five-year waiting list.

"If you say, 'I've got a Grit Laskin guitar,' people know that you have a really nice guitar," said Gower. "He's like a modern Stradivarius."

The auction closes on March 31 and the reserve bid for the guitar is $8,000.

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Alex Wood will never be a dentist

Comedy. Rising star says he's committed to his 'real job' and is trying to get better

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Toronto-based comic Alex Wood, a rising star on the Canadian standup scene, is hoping to take his career to the next level with the release of his debut album, When You Gonna Be A Dentist?, recorded right here in his home town.

The Ottawa native's first real standup show was at Yuk Yuk's when he was just 18. It's an experience Wood admits taught him a valuable lesson.

"Something I didn't realize is that no one was going to take me seriously," says Wood, 28. "My first set, I had these jokes about how God would be really boring if you got to know him for a long time and then people were looking at me like, 'What the hell do you know about life, buddy?' So, that was an adjustment period, learning to start with what you know."

For Wood, the learning curve was fairly quick. In 2009, just four years after launching his comedy career, he was selected as the Ottawa representative at Just For Laughs.

"That was the best week of my life and I'm just chasing that right now, trying to get that feeling back. It was amazing," he admits. "It was a theatre show in Montreal and I was really happy with my set afterwards and then I went out and met all my heroes."

One of those heroes was none other than Louis C.K., who, Wood says, bummed a smoke from him and even shared a bit of advice.

"At the end of the conversation he said, 'This is my big advice — just keep doing it. Never stop and just keep going.'"

So, that's exactly what Wood has done. He went on to win Yuk Yuk's Ottawa Summer Comedy Competition in 2012 and is now part of Yuk Yuk's' national roster of comedians.

This past December, he recorded his debut album in the same club where it all began. The album's title refers to a conversation Wood had with a veteran comic friend when he was just getting started who joked that being able to maintain a serious relationship while pursuing a career in comedy wouldn't be easy.

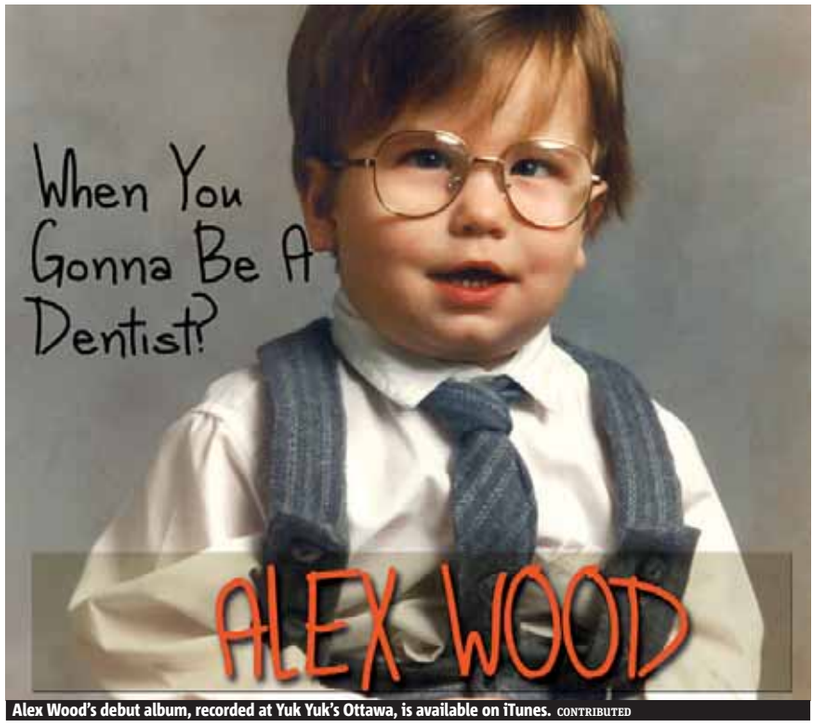
"He said every single one of them turns into 'When you gonna be a dentist?'" says Wood. "It's sort of like, when you gonna get a real job?"

For the young comic though, this is his real job and one he's fully committed to seeing through.

"I'm not really satisfied with where I'm at at all," he admits. "I just try to get better all the time. I just want to get better."

Album

Alex Wood's debut album, When You Gonna Be a Dentist?, is available now on iTunes.



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Islam. Canadian imams excommunicate ISIL

A group of Canadian imams is condemning followers of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) as non-Muslims and "outsiders" to the faith.

Imam Syed Soharwardy and 37 other Muslim leaders from across the country have issued an Islamic edict called a fatwa against the militant group currently trying to attract supporters to its war in Syria and Iraq.

Soharwardy, the founder of the Islamic Supreme Council of Canada, said Wednesday ISIL is violating Muslim law. As a result, the group and anyone supporting them, will no longer be considered to be Muslim.

"They have been excommunicated from the Muslim community and those who will join them — they should be excommunicated from the Muslim community and they cannot be considered as Muslims at all," said Soharwardy.

Quoted

"It's significant for those individuals who understand the opinions of the scholars need to be followed and because our fatwa is based on the teachings of the holy Qur'an and the teachings of the Prophet."

Imam Syed Soharwardy

The imams and Islamic scholars are from Vancouver, Montreal, Edmonton and Toronto and include representatives of the different sects within the Muslim religion, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tony Clement backs PM on face-covering veils

Treasury Board President Tony Clement says banning the wearing of face-covering veils during citizenship ceremonies is necessary to assert Canadian values of gender equality and openness.

But he says it's not necessary to impose those same values in the workplace or in other spheres of life.

Federal public servants, for instance, are not barred from wearing the niqab, a garment that covers the face, leaving only the eyes exposed.

Clement's puzzling distinction is fuelling the debate raging on Parliament Hill over the niqab, which Prime Minister Stephen Harper has called the product of an anti-women culture.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says the latest broadside proves his assertion that Harper and his ministers are exploiting fears about radical Islamist terrorism to deliberately stoke prejudice against Muslim Canadians.

President of the Treasury Board Tony Clement THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair is also accusing Harper of fostering intolerance and Islamophobia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Edmonton MLA faces allegations of bribery

Investigation.
Sworn statements make claims about PC incumbent

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The Progressive Conservative Association of Alberta is investigating irregularities in the nomination process of an Edmonton constituency amid allegations that the incumbent MLA attempted to mislead a challenger's supporters and offer a bribe through a proxy in order to undermine the challenger's campaign.

On Monday, Metro confirmed an ongoing probe by the PCAA into the nomination process in Edmonton-Ellerslie, currently held by Naresh Bhardwaj.

Metro made repeated attempts to contact Bhardwaj, the associate minister for persons with disabilities, including asking him in person at the Alberta Legislature Wednesday to respond and supplying him with a written list of questions regarding the allegations, but he would only say: "I think anything related to the nomination should be directed to Kelly Charlebois." Charlebois is the PC party's executive director.

The allegations against Bhardwaj stem from Edmonton-Ellerslie challenger Balraj Manhas' claim that he was called just days before the Feb. 21 nomination ballot and told by riding committee representatives to withdraw or be publicly disqualified on the basis that his nomination papers were invalid.

Edmonton-Ellerslie PC MLA Naresh Bhardwaj is seen in this file photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Metro has spoken to two of Manhas' supporters and received copies of their notarized statements. They claim Bhardwaj or others acting on his behalf attempted to have them sign pre-drafted affidavits claiming their names had improperly appeared on the challenger's nomination papers.

In one instance, Balbir Sidhu claims he was offered a $10,000 bribe paid either in Canada or in India by others working on Bhardwaj's behalf in exchange for claiming his signature and those of other family members should not have been on Manhas' papers.

Sidhu said he outright refused.

"I thought, 'Why would he do this?'" Sidhu said in an interview Tuesday. "Whatever the public wants for this area is supposed to be what happens."

Bhardwaj remained in a nearby car while the conversation with the proxy took place, Sidhu said.

In the other instance, Bilal Ali claims his family was approached late at night by three men, including Bhardwaj, and told to sign a document that he initially believed was to confirm their support for Manhas. It was only later, Ali said Tuesday, that he realized his signature was being used to run Manhas out of the race.

Ali said in an interview that three other members of his family had also supported Manhas and all signed the document allegedly offered by Bhardwaj.

None of the aforementioned allegations have been proven.

PC party representatives refused to delve into the specifics of their ongoing investigation Tuesday and again Wednesday, even after being informed of Metro's possession of the documents.

A spokesperson said Wednesday the party "confirms that there are many layers to this investigation" but declined to speak in further detail.

Instead, the party referred to comments made Monday when Metro first reported about potential issues with the nomination race.

At that time, Charlebois would only say that the party was looking into the race.

"The whole matter is still considered under review by the party," he said.

Sidhu, meanwhile, said he hopes for a fulsome investigation.

In his sworn statement, he directly addressed Premier Jim Prentice.

"For God Sake Jim, please save Alberta from such corrupt inducements or bribes to kill party soul of fairness," Sidhu wrote.

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Pakistani man accused of Toronto terror plot

A Pakistani man Canadian authorities suspect of plotting to blow up the U.S. consulate and buildings in Toronto's financial district and videotape the attacks was ordered kept in custody on Wednesday pending deportation.

Jahanzeb Malik, who came to Canada as a student in 2004, was ordered detained on "security grounds" following a hearing before the Immigration and Refugee Board.

The Canada Border Services Agency arrested Malik, 33, Monday in Toronto, after a lengthy investigation by Canadian security and anti-terrorism personnel, Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney said in Ottawa.

At the hearing Wednesday, a lawyer for the immigration minister said an undercover RCMP officer befriended Malik.

"Malik attempted to radicalize the undercover officer by showing him videos apparently of (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant) beheadings," Jessica Lourenco alleged. "He told the undercover officer about his plan to build remote-controlled bombs to blow up the U.S. consulate and other buildings in the financial district of Toronto."

Canadian authorities allege Malik to be a self-proclaimed supporter of ISIL who also claims to be a "personal friend" of American Anwar Al-Awlaki, a top-ranking member of the terrorist organization al-Qaida who was killed in Yemen by a U.S. drone strike.

They also say he has taken "weapons, combat and landmine training" in Libya.

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Charges

Malik, who faces no criminal charges, appeared via video conference from jail.

- It remains unclear why Canadian authorities are moving to deport Malik rather than charge him criminally, as they did, for example, in the case of two foreign nationals accused of plotting to blow up a passenger train.

Iraq troop deployment will not grow: Minister

Military pallbearers from the Canadian Special Operations Forces Command carry the flag-draped casket of Sgt. Andrew Joseph Doiron on Tuesday, at Canadian Forces Base Trenton in Trenton, Ont. Doiron was killed in a friendly-fire incident in Iraq last Friday. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Military. Government says it has no plans to send more troops, but mum on whether mission profile could change

The Harper government isn't planning to increase the size of its special forces contingent in northern Iraq if Canada's combat mission in the country is extended, Defence Minister Jason Kenney said Wednesday.

There has been flurry of speculation about how the deployment might be restructured as the war against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant evolves and local forces conduct further offensives to drive extremists out of the country.

Kenney may have been able to rule out more troops, but he was more circumspect about whether the scope of operations — limited so far to advising and assisting Kurdish peshmerga forces — will change.

"The government has not yet taken a final decision on potential renewal or extension of the mission, and so I'll have to ask the member to wait until that decision is taken and we will certainly report it to Parliament in the form of a motion," Kenney said in answer to a question from NDP defence critic Jack Harris. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"We certainly have no intention of increasing the number of SOF (special operations forces) operators."

Defence Minister Jason Kenney in the Commons defence committee

Northeast of Montreal

Measles cases jump to 119 in Quebec

The number of confirmed measles cases in Quebec has jumped to 119 and health authorities northeast of Montreal are bracing for even more.

All of them are epidemiologically related and involve unvaccinated children and adults in the Lanaudiere region.

The cases are centred around one religious group from the region, La Mission de L'Esprit-Saint, a member said Wednesday.

While health officials have not identified the group, Emmanuel Francoeur, the director of the spiritual movement's musical school, said the majority of cases come from his community.

Authorities have said the cases are part of one chain of transmission that started when a person belonging to the order became infected at Disneyland in California and returned to the province.

It isn't the first time measles has hit the community. A Health Canada report notes the group was struck by 22 cases in 1994. While they refused immunization, they did co-operate by limiting social contact to minimize the spread, much like this time.

"The majority of these cases, the crisis is over and they've returned to good health," Francoeur said.

Officials said Wednesday two people contracted pneumonia and a dozen people are hospitalized.

One of the 119 cases was a child who attended a local elementary school while contagious just before spring break.

Officials have identified 51 staff and 114 students as not being adequately vaccinated among nearly 700 people across three pavilions at the Ecole integrée St-Pierre.

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A New Brunswick politician has introduced a motion calling on the provincial legislature to condemn the views of Conservative MP John Williamson, pictured, and affirm that the provincial government denounces his remarks about temporary foreign workers. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Expel Tory MP: Liberals

Foreign workers. John Williamson criticized for public description of 'whites' staying home while 'brown people' are imported to fill jobs

Liberals are demanding that Prime Minister Stephen Harper send a clear signal on racism by expelling an MP from the Conservative caucus over comments about temporary foreign workers that many have deemed offensive.

New Brunswick MP John Williamson has faced days of criticism for his public description of "whities" staying home while "brown people" are imported to fill jobs under the temporary foreign workers program. The political website iPolitics reported Williamson's comments last weekend during a panel at the annual Manning Networking Conference in Ottawa.

Williamson, Harper's former chief spokesman, apologized on Twitter but has not spoken of the incident in the House of Commons. Nor has the prime minister commented on his MP's remarks, despite several invitations to do so.

That sparked an incendiary exchange during Wednesday's question period — and later Liberal demands for Williamson's removal from Conservative ranks.

The Williamson furor adds to a highly charged political battle involving new Conservative anti-terrorism legislation and government comments targeting the wearing of the niqab by Muslim women.

A spokesman in the Prime Minister's Office suggested the matter is closed. "MP Williamson immediately acknowledged his comments were inappropriate and apologized unreservedly for them," Stephen Lecce said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"The only explanation for the prime minister's silence is that he has given in to these racist sentiments within his own party. How else can the prime minister justify his silence?"

John McCallum, the Liberal multiculturalism critic

Ferguson. Chief resigns after scathing report

The police chief in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, Mo., resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing Justice Department report prompted by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

The city said in a statement that it reached a mutual separation agreement with Chief Thomas Jackson, who will get a severance payment and health insurance for a year. Lt. Col. Al Eickhoff will become acting chief March 19 while the city searches for a replacement.

Jackson had previously resisted calls by protesters and some of Missouri's top elected leaders to step down over his handling of the August shooting of Michael Brown and the weeks of sometimes-violent protests that followed.

Jackson becomes the sixth employee to resign or be fired after the U.S. Department of Justice last week issued a report that cleared Officer Darren Wilson of civil rights charges in the shooting but found a profit-driven court system and widespread racial bias in the city police department.

Jackson oversaw the Ferguson force for nearly five years before the shooting that stirred months of unrest and drew global attention to the predominantly black city of 21,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I believe this is the appropriate thing to do at this time. This city needs to move forward without any distractions."

Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson, on his resignation

Florida. All 11 presumed dead in helicopter crash

Human remains and helicopter parts were recovered Wednesday after seven Marines and four soldiers crashed in heavy fog during military training in Florida.

All 11 service members were presumed dead after the Army National Guard's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter went down offshore, a Pentagon official said.

President Barack Obama spoke with the military leaders involved and expressed his condolences to the families before saying he's confident there will be a detailed investigation, said his spokesman, Josh Earnest.

Another helicopter participating in the training returned undamaged, authorities said.

Despite the human remains washing ashore, the military still called it a rescue mission, said Sara Vidoni, a spokeswoman for Eglin Air Force Base. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Black Hawk down

The Black Hawk crashed as Marines and National Guardsmen practiced insertion and extraction missions using small boats and helicopters to get troops into and out of a target site, said Capt. Barry Morris, spokesman for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command.

In this still image taken from video, a soldier fires from behind a building in Tikrit, Iraq, on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iraqi soldiers sweep into ISIL-held Tikrit

Iraq. Allied militiamen breach one of extremist's key strongholds

Iraqi soldiers and allied Shiite militiamen launched a two-front offensive in the ISIL-held city of Tikrit on Wednesday to squeeze extremists out of Saddam Hussein's hometown in a major test of the troops' resolve.

Explosions and heavy gunfire echoed through Tikrit, a key way station for Iraqi forces trying to expel the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, who hold roughly a third of the country and neighbouring Syria. The offensive also will serve as a major crucible for Iraqi forces, which collapsed under the extremists' initial offensive last year and now face street-by-street fighting in one of ISIL's biggest strongholds.

Allied Iraqi forces first entered the city through its northern Qadisiyya neighbourhood, according to video obtained by The Associated Press. Overhead, an attack helicopter fired missiles as soldiers and militiamen laid down heavy machine-gunfire in the neighbourhood's dusty streets as downtown Tikrit loomed in the distance, black smoke rising overhead.

Authorities offered no immediate casualty figures, though Iran's state-run Press TV satellite channel reported that a mortar attack wounded one of its cameramen there.

Later Wednesday, allied forces also swept into Tikrit from the south in a pincer movement to squeeze out militants, though some suggested many already fled in the face of the advance, code named "At your service, prophet of Allah." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strategic move

- **Taking Tikrit would open a supply line for a future operation to besiege Mosul, Iraq's second-largest city that remains under ISIL control.**
- **U.S. military officials have said a mission to retake Mosul likely will begin in April or May and involve up to 25,000 Iraqi troops. But the Americans have cautioned the offensive could be delayed.**

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Execution. Utah considers restoring the firing squad

A vote by Utah lawmakers to bring back executions by firing squad is the most dramatic illustration yet of the nationwide frustration over bungled executions and shortages of lethal-injection drugs.

Utah and several other states are scrambling to modify their laws on the heels of a botched Oklahoma lethal injection last year and one in Arizona in which the condemned man took nearly two hours to die.

Meanwhile, Texas prepared to execute a Mexican mafia hit man Wednesday night with its second-to-last dosage of drugs.

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Lethal injection

States have struggled to keep up their drug inventories as European manufacturers opposed to capital punishment refuse to sell the components of lethal injections to U.S. prisons. The Texas deadline is the most imminent, but other states are struggling, too.

France

Highway jewel heist worth millions

About 15 gunmen ambushed two vans carrying jewels worth millions on a French highway in the dead of night, ejecting their drivers and speeding off into the Burgundy countryside, police said. It was the latest of several big jewelry heists in France.

The assailants and the jewels remained missing Wednesday evening, even after gendarmes and other authorities spent hours combing the forests and towns southeast of Paris around the scene of the overnight attack.

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Berlusconi cleared of underage sex charges

Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi waves to supporters as he arrives at his residence of Palazzo Grazioli in Rome, Wednesday.

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Acquittal upheld. Embattled former Italian prime minister to return to his political party despite a six-year ban on holding elected office

Former Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi savoured his court victory in the infamous "bunga bunga" case Wednesday by plunging headfirst into politics, saying he's working for a better Italy even though he remains barred from public office.

Tuesday, Italy's highest court confirmed Berlusconi's acquittal on charges he paid an underage Moroccan prostitute for sex and then used his influence to cover it up.

The ruling closed an embarrassing chapter for the billionaire media mogul, exposing the raunchy parties at his Milan mansion, complete with showgirl stripteases and wads of cash paid to guests in envelopes at the end of each party.

In a statement Wednesday, Berlusconi cheered the decision but expressed bitterness "for a case that did a lot of damage not just to me, my family and other innocent people, but to all Italians, our public life and the image of our country in the world."

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Former Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi won't stay out of politics long following his exoneration of allegations of underage sex and an associated coverup.

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In this photo taken in June 2013, an elephant called Chishuru is rewarded by David, left, on the target mat for having completely a successful scent trial as colleague Sugar sits on top, in Bela-Bela, north of Pretoria, South Africa.
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Helpful animals have a nose for explosive work

Bomb disposal.
Animals' sharp senses can keep them and human handlers alive in minefields

Humans have looked to a variety of animals to help detect explosives.

Research in South Africa showing that elephants can identify explosives by smell follows a long tradition of such experiments.

Dogs are commonly used to sniff out explosives, contraband and other illegal items. A group called APOPO had such good results with trained rats that it has deployed them to detect mines in Angola and Mozambique and uses them in Tanzania to screen people for tuberculosis by evaluating sputum samples.

The U.S. military is a major funder of the elephant research. Stephen Lee, head scientist at the U.S. Army Research Office, downplayed any parallel between the research and the exploits of Hannibal, the general of ancient Carthage who crossed the Alps with elephants.

"There's never an intention that we're going to use elephants on the battlefield," Lee said.

The goal, he said, is to learn how an elephant smells and incorporate that knowledge into electronic sensors.

Some animals have turned minefields into "de facto wildlife preserves," mostly avoiding mines in areas where people fear to tread, commentator Michael Moore wrote in January in his blog, Landmines in Africa. He cited leopards on the border between Iran and Iraq, which fought in the 1980s; penguins in the Falkland Islands, where Britain fought Argentina in 1982; and wolves in the Golan Heights between Israel and Syria.

"Land mines do not protect habitats, merely demonstrate the importance of guaranteeing safe and secure habitats for all species," Moore wrote.
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California. Police dog cemetery final resting place for dutiful K-9s

It's a place of honour for those who sniffed out crime and brought down crooks. On a bluff beneath tall oak trees and overlooking rolling green hills, police dogs from one California agency are laid to rest.

The cemetery for K-9s from the San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Office on the Central Coast is a unique option. Among U.S. law enforcement agencies, it's more common for dogs to be buried or their ashes scattered on the handler's property, in a pet cemetery or at the centre that trained them.

No matter where they end up, dogs killed on the job usually can expect a funeral similar to a slain officer's, said Russ Hess, national executive director of the United States Police Canine Association.

That means a crowded service with eulogies, a colour guard and the playing of taps.

In the California department, K-9 funerals didn't receive full law enforcement honours until the cemetery opened in March 2013.

"It was something that needed to happen," Cmdr. Aaron Nix said. "The K-9s are deputies." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

K-9 Jake began his service with the sheriff's office in January 2001 and died of cancer in 2010.
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Flight attendant sues over nut rage

Law. Korean Air heiress will be held responsible for damage to employee's career, reputation, and emotional well-being, statement says

A flight attendant who says she was living her dream by working for Korean Air is now suing the airline and its infamous nut rage executive, claiming the bizarre onboard tantrum ruined her career.

Kim Do Hee, the flight attendant, is seeking compensation through a trial in New York City after she was verbally and physically attacked by Korean Air heiress Cho Hyun-ah, according to a statement on Wednesday by two American law firms.

It is the first civil lawsuit connected with the nut rage case, which infuriated South Koreans and hogged global headlines. Last month, a South Korean court sentenced Cho, 40, to one year in prison for violating aviation security laws, using violence against a flight attendant and other charges. Cho, who is the daughter of Korean Air's chairman, has appealed the ruling from prison.

The summons filed Monday said Cho screamed obscenities at Kim and hit and threatened her.

She was also pressured to lie to government investigators to cover up the incident and to appear in public with Cho "as part of an orchestrated effort to try and rehabilitate Cho's public image," the summons said.

Kim is seeking compensatory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at the trial.

Kim said Korean Air was her dream job since she was a high school student, but after false rumours spread on the Internet about her accepting a professorship in exchange for lying to investigators, she could not return to work as a flight attendant.

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The incident

Cho Hyun-ah, a vice-president overseeing cabin service at the time of the Dec. 5 incident, was enraged that Kim Do Hee, 27, served her macadamia nuts in a bag, not on a dish.

- **After a heated confrontation with crew in the first-class cabin, Cho ordered head flight attendant Park Chang-jin off the plane, forcing it to return to a gate at John F. Kennedy International Airport.**

Ban on selfie sticks grows at tourist sites

The Chateau de Versailles, outside Paris, and the National Gallery in London have joined the growing list of global tourist attractions that have banned "selfie sticks." The devices are used by visitors such as American tourists Chris Baker and Jennifer Hinson, pictured here in front of the Louvre Pyramid in Paris, to improve snapshots, but critics say the practice is obnoxious and potentially dangerous. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Rental cars

Two firms accused of false advertising

The Competition Bureau has accused Avis and Budget of false or misleading advertising, alleging their prices are not attainable due to additional fees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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CRTC fines U.S. firm for scorning do not call rules

The U.S.-based company responsible for those pesky calls proclaiming that you've won a cruise has been fined $200,000 for breaking telemarketing rules.

In addition to paying the penalty, Florida-based Consolidated Travel Holdings Group Inc. has agreed to stop making unsolicited telemarketing calls telling Canadians they have won a free cruise to the Bahamas in exchange for answering a survey.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission launched its investigation after hearing complaints from Canadians.

The federal regulator worked with the U.S. Federal Trade Commission to investigate the complaints.

The CRTC said Caribbean Cruise Line, which is owned by Consolidated Travel Holdings Group Inc., used an automatic dialing-announcing device to offer cruises to Canadians, including many who have their phone number registered on the national do not call list.

"We are pleased to report that Caribbean Cruise Line co-operated with our investigation and has now voluntarily ceased making unsolicited telemarketing calls to Canadian consumers," Manon Bombardier, the CRTC's chief compliance and enforcement officer, said in a statement.

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Do not call list

The national do not call list was launched in 2008 and has more than 12.7 million numbers registered.

Canada losing farmers: Report

A board member for the National Farmers Union says without laws that support decent farm livelihoods, Canada could lose its next generation of farmers.

Matt Gehl, board member for Saskatchewan, says the country could end up with something like "the serfdom many of our ancestors tried to escape."

On Tuesday, the NFU released an update to its 2010 report on corporate farmland buyup, farm debt and input financing.

The new report, called Losing Our Grip — 2015 Update, looks at increasing corporate control of farmland and the acceleration of farm debt, now approaching $80 billion.

"Without better farm policy and laws with real teeth, absentee landlords seeking to make the highest possible return for their shareholders will be calling the shots," says NFU president Jan Slomp.

"The work of farming will be done by low-paid seasonal employees or farmers forced to lease land, making it difficult for them to make long-term investments to care for the land."

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VOICES

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS UNITE!

Research projects led by those outside academia aren't supported, published or taken seriously, but that should change

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You don't need a PhD to have a great idea, so why do you need a PhD to publish it?

Many of us have ideas that, given research and a platform to share it, could change the way we live. More people outside academia are getting their hands dirty with scientific research.

A few weeks ago, the first-ever Citizen Science Meeting was held at Cornell University. But right now, research projects led by citizen scientists aren't supported, published or taken seriously.

Scientific research needs to go public.

A citizen scientist is anyone in the public who participates in scientific study. You could be one. Numerous projects around the world already see academic scientists tap citizen scientists to collect their data — like crowdfunding, but for information.

Amateur whale watchers report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network. The University of Calgary-based Aurorasaurus project tracks the aurora through Twitter.

But the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. They don't contribute ideas. Academic institutions and publications still control much of what research is pursued, funded and recognized. Only a select few can currently participate in scientific discovery and be recognized for it.

Many of the world's greatest inventions and discoveries were made outside the walls of academia.

Tourists take pictures of a humpback whale. Amateur whale watchers can report sightings as part of the B.C. Cetacean Sightings Network, but the vast majority of citizen scientists today just do the grunt work. RODRIGO BUENDIA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Working out of his shop, a Dutch eyeglasses maker named Hans Lippershey invented the technology behind the telescope, which Galileo used to discover craters on the moon and confirm that the Earth orbits the sun. German goldsmith Johannes Gutenberg invented the movable-type printing press, which put books in the hands of regular Europeans, not just the aristocracy and the church.

Today, however, peer-reviewed academic journals are the gatekeepers of what science is accepted, talked about and built upon, and right now, for the most part, only researchers from academic institutions are able to publish there.

There just aren't supports in Canada that allow citizen scientists conducting their own experiments or studies to get peer reviewed and to publish their findings, says David Lawrie, program director of Canada's Citizen Scientists, a group of researchers formed out of Toronto in 2003 who collect data about the health of the Rouge River watershed.

Plenty of tools are out there for citizen scientists. Science crowdfunding sites like petridish.org and experiment.com help generate funds, and there are a couple citizen science journals, but the citizen science sea change won't happen until ordinary people can get better recognition for their research.

"For citizen scientists, it takes a lot of time and effort to publish in a journal for essentially almost no reward," says Lawrie.

We also need more incentives to encourage people from more diverse backgrounds to get involved in researching and shaping what we know about the world. They need things like grants, awards, prizes, the honour of being published.

Lawrie would like to see more monetary support for citizen scientists and "a very effective platform to help disseminate the information to the broader public."

Encouraging citizen research would generate more discoveries, and they would happen faster. More diverse people would be able to pursue more diverse topics that are currently underrepresented in academia.

Thanks to data collection by citizen scientists, the eBird network has millions of sightings that have helped focus conservation efforts. Think of how much more we could accomplish with a world full of scientists.

One criticism of citizen research is that reliability and validity of the research can't be controlled as it is in academia.

So let's find ways of fixing that: peer-review panels to vet the quality of citizen research; ethics boards that make sure their projects are above board; a government granting body that endorses and supports promising projects; a central resource where citizen scientists can find out how to conduct research with rigour so they can produce meaningful results.

Cheap, easily accessible technologies are making it easy to collect, analyze and communicate information.

Let's use them to unleash the public brain.

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Why being strapped to our tech may actually set us free

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I have a confession to make: I want an Apple Watch — badly.

Ever since Apple Inc. CEO Tim Cook finally officially revealed the prices and release date of the trio of smart watches Monday, there has been a stream of haters calling the latest offering from the Cupertino, Calif., company stupid, gauche and ridiculously overpriced.

A Gawker writer actually called on readers to take a pledge to not sleep with anyone who dons the gadget. A certain Metro web editor seemed horrified to hear I wanted one. As Taylor Swift sings: Haters gonna hate, hate, hate.

Sure, I'll admit: no one needs an Apple Watch — but then, no one needs a smartphone either, and most of us have one.

While I personally like the design of the watches, some people think they're clunky and weird, and I concede it may be difficult to not look like a lemming or a fashion victim wearing one.

And, uh, yes, the watches are overpriced. The Apple Watch Edition (18-karat gold) will start at a heart-stopping $13,000, the Apple Watch starts at $699 and the Apple Watch Sport is the cheapest option, starting at $449 in Canada.

Yet, despite all that, I still desperately want one. As a runner, I love the idea of having GPS, a heart-rate sensor and an accelerometer — as well as access to Wi-Fi. I'm well aware that the numbers these devices spit out are far from perfect, but it's still nice to be able to get an idea of how hard I'm working when I'm working out.

And as a woman I love that I can now free myself of the tyranny of carrying around so much stuff everywhere I go.

I mean, the watch tells you the time without having to pull out your phone and it's strapped to your wrist so it's harder to lose.

And while you still need your phone nearby, you can pay for things with the watch and check your Twitter feed on it. You can even use it to call a cab. What can't it do? Don't answer that; it's a rhetorical question.

I seem to be swimming against the stream on this one, but I think now is the time for an Apple Watch. Well, not now, now. I'll wait for the kinks to be worked out and the prices to come down (fingers crossed).

Then I'll sport my watch with pride.

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Shad's here to give you all he can

Juno award-winning rapper Shad faces the shadow of Jian Ghomeshi when he takes over hosting duties of Q on April 20. Ghomeshi, who helped make Q popular among younger listeners, was fired from the CBC four months ago. So, how will Shad match up against the former host?

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
Metro News in Toronto

Ego

Shad: Friends describe him as confident, but also modest and humble, almost to a fault. "He's never struck me as a person that's seeking or needing the validation of others," said Seattle hip-hop radio host and friend, Jonathan Moore. In a CBC news story on the announcement, Shad downplayed his own prominence, calling his new role "an honour" and praising the producers as a "brilliant, passionate team."

Ghomeshi: In the wake of Ghomeshi's firing and allegations of sexual assault, former staffers have come out to charge Ghomeshi with having an outsized ego. Former staff have described Ghomeshi as an oppressive and perfectionist boss, whose will was the law.

Radio experience

Shad: He's had a lot of time behind the microphone, but in terms of hosting a radio show, Shad's main efforts were as a guest host for Q in January for a week.

Ghomeshi: He had a number of smaller broadcasting gigs before launching Q in 2007, including on CBC TV as the host of the pop culture program Play, and later as the host of a series of music shows on CBC Radio One, including a stint on Sounds Like Canada.

Accolades

Shad: The musician has been racking up praise for his music for the past 10 years. He won the 2011 Juno award for Rap Recording of the Year, beating out Drake, and his albums have been nominated for other Junos, MuchMusic Video Awards and the Polaris Prize.

Ghomeshi: As a musician, Ghomeshi's career was less decorated. But as host of Q, he won the Gold Award for best talk-show host at the New York Festivals International Radio Awards in 2012. He was also praised around the world for taking on Billy Bob Thornton in a prickly 2009 interview.

Musical

Shad: A veteran of the hip-hop world, Shad has released four albums, two mixtapes and four EPs. The Old Prince is considered his breakout album, he won the Juno for TSOL, and his most recent release came last year, with Flying Colours. He makes "culturally curious hip hop (that's) eclectic, witty, thoughtful, funny," said music writer and Polaris Prize juror Michael Barclay.

Ghomeshi: As the singer and drummer in the satirical folk-pop band Moxy Früvous, Ghomeshi recorded eight albums. The band released platinum-selling records, and made Ghomeshi a name in Canadian music, but "by the time he started working at the CBC, his music career was kind of a joke," said Barclay.

X Factor

Shad: As yet unproven as a host, Shad has ample proof of his charisma on stage. The MC is confident and intelligent, but not arrogant, Moore said. "He's curious and interesting. He will bring energy to the show," Barclay said.

Ghomeshi: There's no doubt that Q's popularity became entwined with Ghomeshi's own star power. Known as a gracious radio host, he also didn't cower to well-known interview subjects — he once sarcastically corrected Julian Assange for calling him by the show's name. A charismatic man in person, Ghomeshi's confidence shone on air, and the way he connected with guests and drew out their stories undoubtedly helped forge Q's reputation as a cultural powerhouse and a must-do interview.

New show serves up a royal helping of scandal

The Royals. Viewers treated to foibles of fictional regal family

There's little to take seriously in the campy new drama The Royals — a show from E network about the scandalous lives of a fictional royal family.

But amidst all the mayhem, there is at least a modicum of attention paid to portraying proper regal behaviour, which co-star Alexandra Park credits to her "very English" co-star, Elizabeth Hurley.

The Australian actress, who plays rebellious princess Eleanor to Hurley's imperious Queen Helena, says the Austin Powers star acted as a bit of an informal etiquette expert on set, pointing out little-known dos and don'ts as filming went on. "She's like, 'No, we would never have that colour flowers for this event. And you can't wear that,'" Park recalled in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles. "She just knows everything. It's crazy."

Park said Hurley and co-star Joan Collins lend a dash of Hollywood majesty to the over-the-top series, which revels in the ignoble exploits of a royal brood sent reeling when the heir apparent dies suddenly.

Rather than allude too much to the lives of actual royals, Moseley said the series makes a point of charting its own outlandish course. "You have a girl serving food in a French maid outfit — you know what I mean? Which obviously wouldn't happen in the royal palace."

The Royals' debuts Sunday on E network.

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The Royals debuts Sunday on E network. CONTRIBUTED

Verdict blurs lines on paying homage to musical influences

Copyright. Williams and Thicke's $7.4M court loss could cause chilling effect on creation of music

Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke have been ordered to pay nearly $7.4 million to the late Marvin Gaye's three children for a copyright infringement. GETTY IMAGES

A jury's verdict that Pharrell Williams and Robin Thicke copied Marvin Gaye's music to create their hit song Blurred Lines won't just be felt by the singers' pocketbooks — it has the potential to change how musicians work and could open the door to new copyright claims.

An eight-person jury determined Tuesday that Williams and Thicke copied elements of Gaye's 1977 hit Got to Give It Up and ordered the pair to pay nearly $7.4 million to the late singer's three children.

The music industry may feel new constraints in the coming years as artists — and lawyers — sort through the verdict and its implications.

Howard King, lead attorney for Thicke and Williams, told jurors in closing arguments that a verdict for the Gaye family would have a chilling effect on musicians' trying to evoke an era or create an homage to the sound of earlier musicians. Williams contended during the trial that he was only trying to mimic the "feel" of Gaye's late 1970s music, but insisted he did not use elements of his idol's work. "Today's successful verdict, with the odds more than stacked against the Marvin Gaye estate, could redefine what copyright infringement means for recording artists," said Glen Rothstein, an intellectual property attorney with the firm Greenberg Glusker.

"The Gaye verdict is precedential in that whereas prior to today, it was generally understood that paying homage to musical influences was an acceptable, and indeed commonplace way of conducting business and even showing respect for one's musical idols, after today, doubt has been cast on where the line will be drawn for copyright infringement purposes," Rothstein said.

The Gaye family will seek an injunction against Blurred Lines, which will give them leverage to negotiate for royalties and other concessions such as songwriting credits.

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Well, that sounds familiar

AVRIL VS. THE RUBINOOS

Although she insisted she had never heard the '70s tune I Wanna Be Your Boyfriend by the Rubinoos, Avril Lavigne agreed to an out-of-court settlement involving her hit song Girlfriend.

EX-BEATLE VS. THE CHIFFONS

Former Beatle George Harrison's 1970 solo song My Sweet Lord had a melody heavy with echoes of He's So Fine, the 1962 hit from The Chiffons. A judge said Harrison was guilty only of "subconscious plagiarism." Harrison would eventually pay out $587,000.

TOM PETTY VS. SAM SMITH

Tom Petty's publishers said Sam Smith's Stay With Me's melody bore a striking resemblance to Petty's I Won't Back Down. Smith and his representatives agreed, and granted co-writing credit to Petty.

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Tribeca Film Festival

John Cleese GETTY IMAGES

Monty Python celebrates 40 years of the Holy Grail

The surviving members of the British comedy troupe Monty Python will be making a special appearance at the Tribeca Film Festival in New York next month to help mark the 40th anniversary of their cult classic film Monty Python and the Holy Grail. John Cleese, Terry Gilliam, Eric Idle, Terry Jones, and Michael Palin will reunite at the Beacon Theatre April 24 for a special screening of the 1975 film.

The feature-length documentary Monty Python: The Meaning of Live will also get its world premiere at the TFF, exploring the comedic genius behind members of the British comedy group. Tickets will go on sale March 23. AFP

Fashion. Jeanne Beker premieres new show on The Shopping Channel

After 27 years spent primarily profiling designers as host of Fashion Television, Jeanne Beker is opting for a fresh take on fashion aimed at helping viewers maximize their style potential.

The fashion and media maven is returning to the airwaves with Style Matters with Jeanne Beker, which has its two-hour premiere Thursday at 8 p.m. ET on the Shopping Channel. Full episodes will be available online at tsc.ca the following day.

Three years since the cancellation of the long-running FT, Beker said she has felt fortunate to continue making regular TV appearances — albeit in "very conventional ways."

"I was being used for the regular red carpet commentary or to give my opinion about this or that — which is all great," the affable Beker said in an interview.

"But I felt that it was high time to do something new and exciting again."

With Style Matters, Beker draws on part of the formula that made FT a trail-blazing success, with plans to shoot segments in the field featuring interviews with designers or showroom tours.

Jeanne Beker THE CANADIAN PRESS

She will anchor the show live from the studio, with one-hour and two-hour editions hoping to guide viewers toward translating notable styles featured onscreen into their own wardrobes. The debut episode will include a visit to the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York which recently opened a special exhibition on Yves Saint Laurent and Halston, two of the most influential designers of the 1970s.

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Mindy Kaling can't do one-night stands

Art, it seems, doesn't imitate life when it comes to Mindy Kaling, who is finding that the wild dating life of her The Mindy Project alter ego is screwing up what men expect from her in her own life.

"When I go on dates there's this expectation that I'm going to have, like, 11 martinis and like, pass out and spend the night really soon. And I think people get a little disappointed because my true self is like, I could never do that, like have a one-night stand," the single actress and writer tells Ellen DeGeneres during an interview.

"Because I have my medications that I have to take at night. I have to be at my house and do my flossing. I have all that stuff."

Hey, maybe some guys are into flossing.

50 cent's son pulls in huge salary for a two-year-old

I never thought that toddlers needed agents, but when you hear how much 50 Cent's two-year-old son, Sire Jackson, pulled down for a modelling contract, you might not think it's such a crazy idea.

"He's got a (modelling) deal now with Kidz Safe," the rapper revealed to Angie Martinez at Power 105 during an interview.

"They paid him a big payment, too."

And by big, he means a contract worth $700,000. No, seriously. That's a lot of binkies.

"He's cute, you gotta pay for it," Fiddy explained. He also assured listeners that the money is going into a trust until Jackson is 18 years old.

Renée steps out in Paris

A chic Renée Zellweger — who attracted attention last fall for a noticeably changed visage — at first hid her face from cameras with Audrey Hepburn-style bangs and large shades Wednesday as she hit Prada's Miu Miu show on the last day of the ready-to-wear collections in Paris.

Inside the show, however, she took off the shades and proudly posed for cameras — maybe she is "happy," after all. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/METRO

Tony says 'I do' to Gaga wedding gig

Singing at Lady Gaga's wedding would likely be a pretty nerve-racking prospect for even the most seasoned of young musicians, so it makes sense that the chameleon-like singer would go for someone who can handle the pressure.

Enter pal Tony Bennett, who is reportedly on tap to croon at Gaga's upcoming nuptials. "They invited me to do it, and of course I will," he tells Page Six.

Now, you can accuse me of being cynical or unromantic, that's fine, but I can't help noticing that Gaga and Bennett, who released their Cheek to Cheek duets album last fall, are embarking on a tour next month. What a coincidence!

Shooting at Lil Wayne's a hoax

Lil Wayne

An apparent hoax summoned a strong police response Wednesday to the home of rapper Lil Wayne after an unknown caller reported a shooting.

The caller claimed four people had been shot at the waterfront home on an exclusive Miami Beach island.

The responding officers, including a heavily armed SWAT team, found no evidence of a shooting, no victims and no gunman. Rodriguez also said the owner of the home — Lil Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter — was not there at the time.

"We can say for sure it was a hoax," Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez said. "It's not a laughing matter."

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Flirting with danger at Paris Fashion Week

Stella McCartney's gentle beauty

Hitting the on-trend spot, Stella McCartney sensually explored styles of undressing for fall-winter 2015, with a hint of the corset.

Gone were many of the sporty shapes that are now associated with her esthetic — and in their place were silhouettes, cinched chicly with a belt at the waist or bustier-shaped. Elsewhere, there were voluminous "comfort" shapes on beautiful loose knit sweater-dresses in earth tones, which would fall nonchalantly off one arm — as if in a state of undress.

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Hermès designer shows powerful debut

For her debut collection at power house Hermès, new designer Nadège Vanhee-Cybulski pared down the house esthetic, to subtle, yet powerful, results. Narrowing down the palette to navy, cobalt blue, ivory, carmine red and flashes of sunshine yellow, the 36-year-old French designer used simple minimalist shapes that drew from Oriental styles to bold effect.

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Saint Laurent's sex-infused, '80s grit and glam

Fashion's wild child Hedi Slimane upped the sexiness in his latest offering for Saint Laurent, with thick eye makeup, whitened faces, torn tights and a flirtation with the styles of the '80s New Romantics.

The stomping models were still here in this latest chapter of the controversial French-Tunisian's evolution at the house, as were the glittering glam rock fleeces, black boots, black leather minis, and the figure-hugging leopard print cocktail dresses.

It felt like the new Saint Laurent girl had grown up a little bit, moved into the early '80s and discovered sex. A tight black leather zip-up minidress was undone nearly to the crotch, while one truncated bridal dress was twinned with a tuxedo and looked like the heady bride had ditched her man at the altar and gone to the disco.

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Louis Vuitton's leather and lace

Nicolas Ghesquière, artistic director, manages to mix a certain simplicity with technical expertise. The lace looks like collages on dresses and tops, with just a chain for a belt. Shoulders are highlighted, exaggerated and gathered. Skirts are worn short with pockets, paired with sublime leather jackets, embroidered sheepskin or even zipped blouses. The gold and silver shine is the focus, sparkly but with a simplicity at the same time.

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Kenzo embraces layers and lines

This season's mantra is: Pile it all on. We've seen it notably at Lanvin, Dries Van Noten — and now at Kenzo's draped, voluminous and colourful fashion spectacle.

The collection continued this energy in its vivid splashes of kinetic graphic lines and flashes of contrasting, coloured prints.

But fall-winter was all about the layering.

Geometric lines featured on layered A-line column dresses, topped off with funky asymmetrical poncho-hoods.

Kenzo is all about the cultural fusion. The dark looks featured a nice play of camouflage print on a poncho and assorted jungle pants: If you looked closely you realized the pattern was, in fact, of very un-militaristic flowers.

It was tongue in cheek, and is bound to be a hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tips for men looking to dress up their formal look

David C. Wigley wants to help men diversify their approach to formal wear by considering a fresh take on black tie.

"They kind of get stuck in this pigeonhole that you have to always wear a black tux if you're dressing up," said the Toronto-based designer, whose garments are produced in the city.

"I don't really want to take men too far out of their comfort zone, so you'd like to stick to silhouettes that they know — staying with the traditional tailored tux pant and fitted blazer — but using fabrics that you wouldn't typically expect like sequins and bright coloured velvet," said Wigley, who also helms womenswear label Clan Gordon and unisex line Ease.

Toronto designer David C. Wigley. ALL PHOTOS THE CANADIAN PRESS

Here are Wigley's suggestions for men seeking to break the formal wear mould — and look good doing it:

Select a lone statement piece. "If it is a sequined blazer, then that's what the attention is on," said Wigley.

Find a flattering fit. "If it's cut in the proper way, it should still flatter your body."

Pick a print. "It's sort of the most versatile thing to work in, especially when you're working with a base of neutrals."

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Spring calls for a change of greenery

Houseplants. Low-maintenance, affordable, and definitely worth the trouble, plants can be a vibrant decor element

In homes where space and time are precious, the future of the humble houseplant may depend on whether it can earn its keep.

Houseplants that endure tend to be either undemanding succulents, edible herbs, or plants that add enough to a room's ambiance that they're worth some extra effort. And a huge variety of plants are both easy and worth the minimal effort, say plant lovers Tara Heibel and Tassy de Give.

Rooted in Design

Their new book, Rooted in Design (Ten Speed Press, 2015), demonstrates that houseplants can be a beautiful and creative element in a home's decor.

Houseplants connect the city dweller to the natural world and remind us of that symbiotic relationship, write Heibel and de Give, founders of Sprout Home, an indoor landscaping store in Chicago, Ill. and Brooklyn, N.Y.

"A room filled with plants can be calming and inspirational as well as incredibly personal and expressive. Even aloe, a common household plant, can exude complexity and style when displayed creatively," they write.

Dividing the home into sectors — wall, ledge, floor, air, table, kitchen and terrariums (including some for aquatic plants) — the authors suggest ways to present and care for a variety of indoor greenery.

"It's easy to get pigeonholed into certain ideas about plants — that they always have to be in a certain kind of container or always be on a shelf or on the floor — and you have to help people break out of that. Many people now have a really small living environment and think they don't have room for plants, but hanging plants on a wall doesn't take up any space at all, and it adds a lot to the decor," Heibel says.

Upcycled containers

Unlike many other glossy design books, this one shows images of what look like actual, lived-in homes — several photos include cats — with some startling yet down-to-earth upcycling suggestions for plant containers, including mason jars, decorative cookie tins, and even glass electric-meter boxes and unused table lamps (with a cascading plant where a lamp shade might have been).

Old picture frames become stunning displays of maintenance-free dried moss (step-by-step instructions with full-colour images included), and pieces of driftwood are dramatic mounts for ferns. Helped along by a few small nails or hooks, philodendron and bougainvillea can be trained to grow across an indoor wall, dramatically spanning anywhere from five to 25 feet.

Macramé plant hangers and terrariums, features from a generation ago, are back, but with a more contemporary feel.

"Our macramé is cleaner, more streamlined and more contemporary-looking," says Heibel. "And the terrariums have much more use of graphic material and colour and texture and shape."

The book's final section, The Roots, gives a plant-by-plant glossary of possibilities, with troubleshooting suggestions.

A plant that's hard to kill

"The most frequent question we're asked is to recommend a plant that's hard to kill," Heibel said. "That definition differs from person to person. Maybe one person goes out of town for a month and another waters too much. People often don't really think about care and maintenance before putting a grand indoor landscaping plan together. We want to make sure that what you're planting lives."

Two common misperceptions about houseplants, the authors say, is that they all require roughly the same care (they don't) and that they'll always look like they do when first purchased.

"You might look at a young fern in a shop and think it's perfect, but you need to know that ferns grow and you'll need to do some pruning," Heibel says. "And people buy a succulent that's cute and small, but then it grows a really long stalk or does other funny things. That's actually part of the beauty of it, but it sometimes comes as a surprise."

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Philodendron "Brazil" climbing vines. MARIA LAWSON/RAMSAY DE GIVE/PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE/TEN SPEED PRESS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So many ways to plant one on

Houseplants can be practical, too, serving as walls or screens, or providing soothing aromas. Well-chosen plants can be considered an alternative to cut flowers, or viewed as tiny works of art.

- Trays of miniature succulents in various shapes, colours and textures "can be irresistibly small and sweet and inexpensive, like candy," Heibel said.

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Looking for skilled professionals to help your home? Does it need a little TLC? Time to tackle that project in your house that has been bugging you for too long but you're not sure where to go for help? Look no further! Below is a list or local qualified outlets looking to help you out.

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Deep-fried goodness

Snack. Wild Ramp and Crab-Stuffed Hushpuppies with Green Goddess Dressing are a Southern U.S. fave

Hushpuppies

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper.

2. Bring a saucepan of salted water to a boil. Make an ice bath in a bowl with equal parts ice and water. Put the ramps in a strainer and submerge them in the boiling water for 45 seconds. Remove and submerge them in the ice bath until completely cold. Drain and shake off the water, then drain and dry on paper towels.

3. Chop the ramps into pieces.

4. Put self-rising flour, cornmeal, 1 cup all-purpose flour, salt, sugar, white pepper, baking soda, and baking powder in a large bowl and whisk to mix well. Add onion and half of the chopped ramps and mix well. Lightly beat eggs in a bowl, then whisk in milk, buttermilk, and lard. Stir the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients.

5. Pour the canola oil into a deep fryer or a large pot and heat it to 350 F. While the oil is heating, blend the remaining ramps in a blender on high, adding just enough water to keep them moving, until very smooth, about 4 minutes. Add the purée to the batter.

6. When oil is hot, dip 1-oz scoop into hot oil to coat it, then fill coop with batter and tap it a time or two to release any air pockets. Hold the scoop 1 inch above the hot oil and carefully drop the batter into the oil. If the batter seems too thin, add more all-purpose flour, whisking until smooth. The desired result is a hushpuppy that is golden brown and crispy on the outside and light as a feather inside. When the batter is correct, carefully fold in the crab.

7. Scoop batter into hot oil, without crowding hushpuppies, and fry, without touching them, 1 minute. Carefully tap thushpuppies to loosen if they have stuck to the fryer basket or the bottom of the fryer and fry until golden brown, 7 minutes. Transfer hushpuppies to one of the prepared baking sheets. Repeat until you've used all the batter. Be sure that the oil returns to 350 F before you put in the next batch.

8. Bake hushpuppies about 4 minutes to ensure they are cooked through. Drain on paper towels and serve hot, alongside dressing for dipping.

Green Goddess Dressing

1. Combine mayo, scallions, basil, lemon juice, garlic, anchovies, salt, and white pepper in a blender and blend until smooth. Add sour cream and process until blended. Dressing will keep in the refrigerator up to 5 days. **RECIPES BOTH EXCERPTED FROM HERITAGE BY SEAN BROCK (ARTISAN BOOKS). COPYRIGHT © 2014.**

This recipe makes about 32 hushpuppies. PETER FRANK EDWARDS

Ingredients

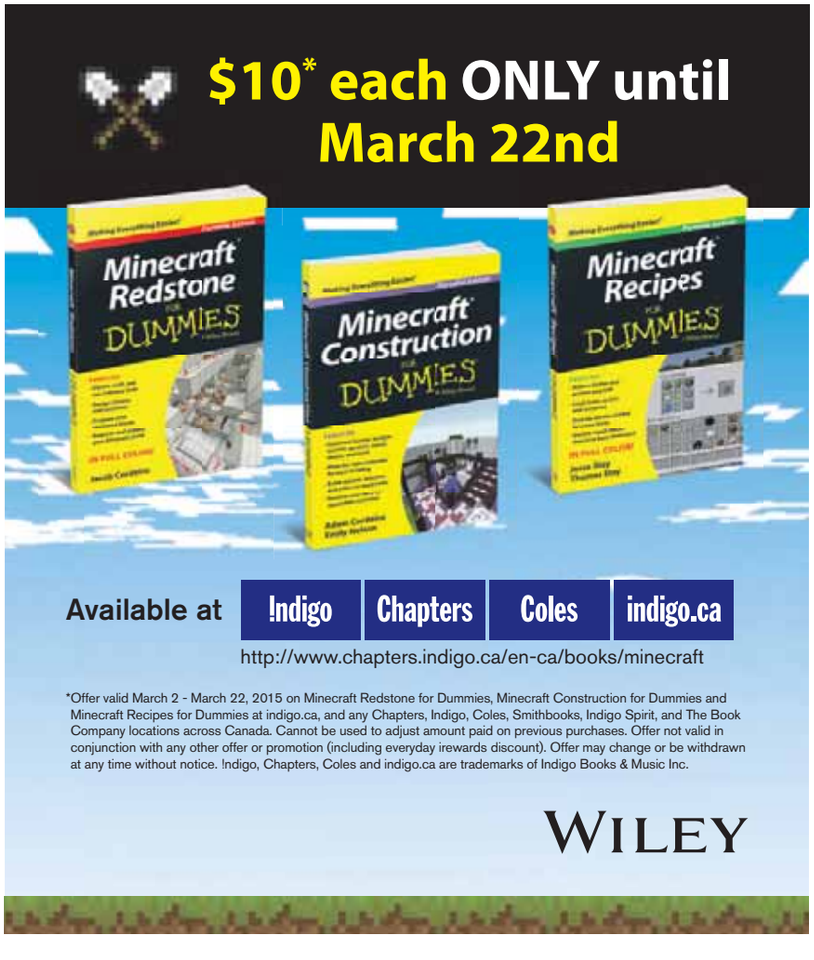
Hushpuppies
- 1/2 lb ramps, cleaned and hairy root ends removed
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 cups cornmeal
- 1 to 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp kosher salt
- 1 1/2 tsp sugar
- 1 1/4 tsp white pepper
- 1 1/2 teaspoons each baking soda, and baking powder
- 1/4 cup small onion, diced
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tbsp buttermilk
- 1/4 cup lard, melted
- 8 cups canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups fresh crabmeat, picked over for shells, cartilage
- Green Goddess Dressing

Green Goddess Dressing
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup chopped scallions
- 1 cup chopped basil
- 3/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 tsp chopped garlic
- 2 oil-packed anchovies
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp ground white pepper
- 1 cup sour cream

Cookbook of the Week

Southern comfort

Sean Brock is out to preserve the heritage foods of the American south with his aptly titled book, Heritage. The offerings include a blend of comfort food and high-end restaurant food. Specific recipes include Pickled Shrimp, Crispy Pig Ear Lettuce Wraps, Slow-Cooked Pork Shoulder with Tomato Gravy and Sweet Potato Doughnuts. **METRO**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By circling your camera around your food you can capture a 3D photograph that lets your friends experience your latest creation from all angles with this strangely creative food photography app.

Side. Pickled cabbage

This recipe makes four quarts. PETER FRANK EDWARDS

1. Wash and dry the cabbage. Pull off the outer leaves. Stack them a few at a time, roll them into cylinders, and cut them into large ribbons. Core the heads and cut them into quarters, then thinly slice the cabbage.

2. Toss the cabbage and the salt in a large nonreactive container and mix well to combine. Weigh the cabbage down with a plate to keep it submerged in the liquid that will be released.

3. Cover the container with a square of cheesecloth and tie it snugly. Let stand in a cool place for 1 week to cure, then refrigerate. Tightly covered, the cabbage will keep for up to 2 weeks in the refrigerator.

Ingredients

- 3 large heads green cabbage, with large outer leaves
- 1 cup plus 3 tbsp kosher salt

NFL

Johnson joins longtime rival in Indianapolis

Longtime star receiver Andre Johnson has signed with the Indianapolis Colts.

Johnson was a standout for the Colts' divisional rivals, the Texans, and was named to two All-Pro teams and seven Pro Bowls. He was released by Houston on Monday and joined Indianapolis on Wednesday.

Johnson, 33, holds the NFL record with 21 career games with 10 or more receptions and 100 or more yards receiving. He has 10 games with at least 10 receptions and 150 yards receiving, tied with Jerry Rice for the most in NFL history.

Since being selected as the third overall pick of the 2003 draft, Johnson has the most receptions and yards of any player during that span.

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MLB

Darvish, Rangers seek third opinion before surgery

Yu Darvish and the Texas Rangers are waiting for a third opinion that they expect will confirm the ace pitcher needs season-ending elbow ligament-replacement surgery.

General manager Jon Daniels said Wednesday that Dr. David Altchek, the New York Mets' medical director and an expert in Tommy John surgery, recommended the procedure after examining Darvish on Tuesday.

The Rangers will have Dr. James Andrews review images of Darvish's elbow before making a final decision later this week.

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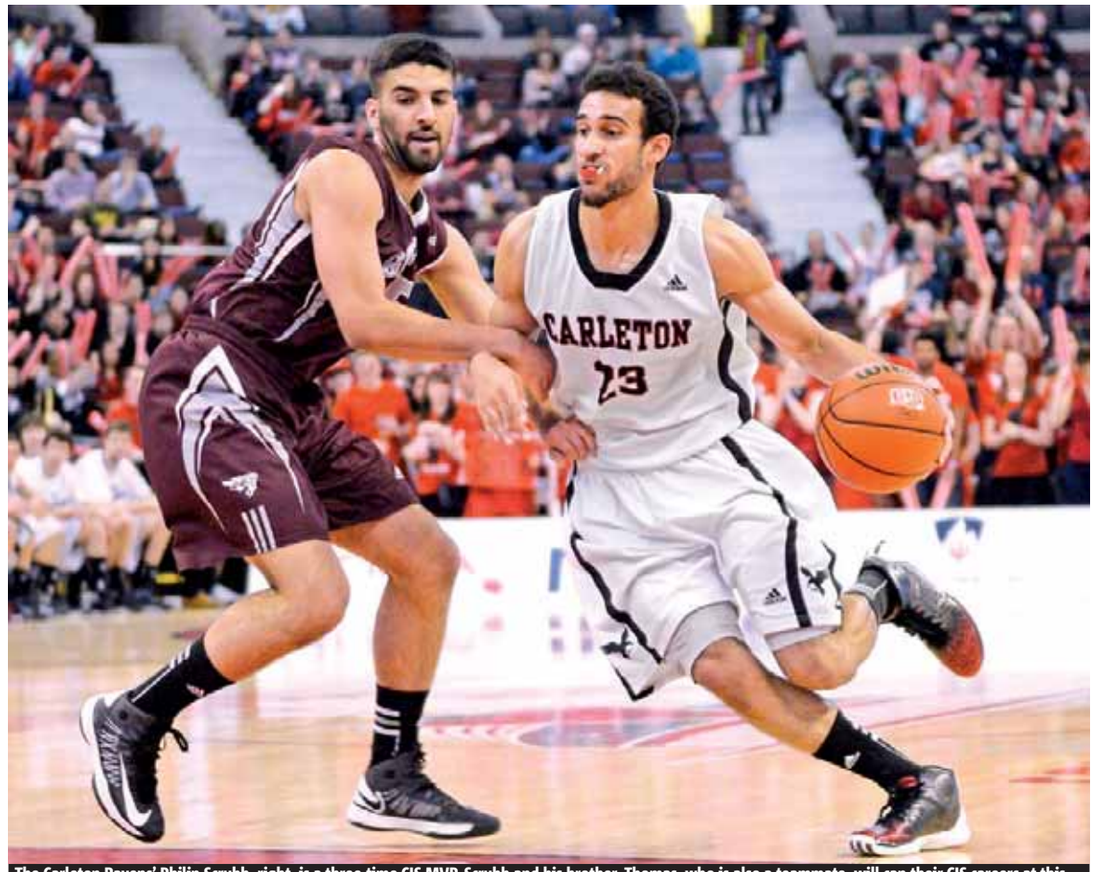
NBA

"Who said I was retiring? It was never a question for me whether or not I was going to play next year."

Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant, out for the season after rotator cuff surgery, reiterated Tuesday night that his plans are to return for a 20th season — and possibly beyond.



The Carleton Ravens' Philip Scrubb, right, is a three-time CIS MVP. Scrubb and his brother, Thomas, who is also a teammate, will cap their CIS careers at this week's Final 8 tournament in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Scrubbs look to cap CIS careers in style

Basketball. Dominant brothers lead Carleton in hunt for school's 5th straight national title

Canada's national basketball team was playing in Las Vegas one summer, when Lloyd Scrubb showed up at the game with his sons Philip and Thomas in tow.

The brothers were in high school and interested in playing for the Carleton Ravens. But Carleton coach Dave Smart — an assistant coach with the Canadian team on that trip — barely looked twice at the boys.

"They didn't look very good, to be honest ... they were pretty gangly back then," Smart said.

Some seven years later, the brothers comprise the cornerstone of Canada's university basketball powerhouse and will cap their CIS careers at this week's Final 8 tournament.

Phil is a three-time CIS MVP, and both brothers have won the CIS tournament MVP award.

"Shows how much I know," Smart said with a laugh. "I would love to tell you I knew what the hell I was doing, but I had no idea. I didn't know if they'd be any good at all. I'd love to tell you I saw it, but I didn't."

Carleton tips off the tournament as the undisputed favourite, winners of 10 of the past 12 national titles. It went 17-2 in the CIS regular season, then edged Ryerson 84-80 and clobbered Windsor 103-59 to win last weekend's OUA conference championship.

Thomas and Philip, whose dad played for the University of Victoria and mom for Bishop's, grew up playing on the same youth teams in Richmond, B.C. Thomas, the older brother by 14 months, arrived in Ottawa first, but red-shirted his first season — hence, the two will graduate together.

Philip, a left-handed guard, was already a gifted scorer when he arrived at Carleton.

Thomas, a right-handed forward who, at six-foot-six is three inches taller than Philip, took longer to develop — and it was clearly worth the wait for the Ravens, as Thomas fashioned a two-way game that has him leading the Ravens this season in points (17.6) and rebounds (7.6) per game. Philip is second in scoring (16.6).

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Final 8 tournament schedule

THURSDAY
Quarter-final 1: Carleton (1) vs. Saskatchewan (8), 11 a.m.
QF2: Victoria (4) vs. Dalhousie (5), 1 p.m.
QF3: Windsor (2) vs. Ryerson (7), 6 p.m.
QF4: Ottawa (3) vs. Bishop's (6), 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
Consolation bracket
Losers QF1 vs. QF2, 2 p.m.
Losers QF3 vs. QF4, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY
Consolation bracket
Consolation winners, 2 p.m.
Championship semifinals
Winners QF1 vs. QF2, 6 p.m.
Winners QF3 vs. QF4, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
Bronze-medal game
Semifinal losers, 11:30 a.m.
Championship game
Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.

*All games at Toronto's Mattamy Athletic Centre

4 SPORTS

Canada pipped in Cyprus Cup final

Women's soccer.
England prove too strong but coach John Herdman felt his team were better on the day

Cyprus Cup final

England	Canada
1	0

The Canadian women's soccer team leaves the Cyprus Cup without the championship but with a few lessons learned.

Lianne Sanderson's 68th-minute goal lifted England to a 1-0 win in Wednesday's final, marking the first time the Canadian goal had been breached in four games at the tournament.

Sanderson scored from 15 yards after Jordan Nobbs' through ball.

"I think they probably had three shots on goal the whole game," Canadian coach John Herdman said. "They broke away. We were on the attack in their half and, two passes later, they're behind our two centre backs. They capitalized.

"So it was just disappointing because we'd talked and worked tactically on trying to make sure they didn't release someone on that phase of the game — and it happened. I guess our two young centre backs will learn from it."

The Canadian women also lost some of their structure in the last 10 minutes while they chased a tying goal, Herdman said.

"I think that's a massive learning (experience) for us in the next three months, just to start tidying up some of those tournament processes that we've been putting in place."

Canada almost tied it in stoppage time but England goalie Siobhan Chamberlain stopped Allysha Chapman's shot from 20 yards out.

"She made a cracking save," said Herdman. "But I think throughout the game we were the better team.

"England has beaten us here at the Cyprus Cup twice before when we've been developing towards the World Cup. And I can honestly say look, they were the better team in those games. But tonight Canada was the better team. So I mean as a group, we don't feel beaten although the result reflects that."

Captain Christine Sinclair echoed that view.

"I think we made a lot of progress in this tournament, showed a lot of growth" she said. "I thought we outplayed England in the final. "It was a tough one to lose."

Both teams are gearing up for the June 6 start of the Women's World Cup in Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christine Sinclair, left, of Canada challenges Alex Greenwood of England during the Cyprus' Women Cup final in Nicosia. AP PHOTO

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Champions League.
10-man PSG stuns Chelsea

Thiago Silva sent 10-man Paris Saint-Germain into the Champions League quarter-finals on away goals after a 2-2 draw (3-3 on aggregate) at Chelsea in extra time of a fiery and ill-disciplined game on Wednesday.

Although PSG had striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic sent off in the 31st minute for a disputable challenge on Oscar, the visitors still provided the greater threat at Stamford Bridge.

Gary Cahill had given Chelsea the lead in the 81st minute — after a 1-1 draw in the first leg — but former Chelsea player David Luiz headed PSG level to send the game into extra time.

Eden Hazard restored Chelsea's lead from a penalty, but Brazilian Thiago Silva's looping header in the 114th minute allowed PSG to avenge last season's loss to Chelsea in the quarterfinals.

"Our performance was not good enough," Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said afterwards before criticizing his team's mental strength.

"They were stronger than us. They coped better than us with the pressure of the game."

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David Luiz celebrates after team mate Thiago Silva's scores to send Paris Saint-Germain through and knock his former club out GETTY IMAGES

In Munich

PSG advances to the last eight along with Bayern Munich, which advanced by routing Shakhtar Donetsk 7-0 on Wednesday following a 0-0 draw in the first leg in Ukraine.

Boxing

Mayweather sets tone at Pacquiao fight promotion

Manny Pacquiao was out walking the red carpet by the time Floyd Mayweather Jr. arrived, fashionably late for their first appearance together to promote a fight that really needs no promoting. But it didn't take long Wednesday for Mayweather to put the fight into perspective in a way that only a fighter nicknamed "Money" can.

"You get to this level where you're making nine figures in 36 minutes," Mayweather said, "and you have to be a winner." Mayweather will get 60 per cent of the purse in what is expected to be boxing's richest fight ever, a haul that could exceed $120 million for Mayweather alone.

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MLB

A-Rod drives home his message but Yankees lose

Alex Rodriguez erased any personal doubts about regaining his power with one big swing.

Rodriguez hit his first home run since returning to the Yankees following a drug suspension and Chris Capuano was forced out in the first inning by a quadriceps injury in New York's 10-6 loss to the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday.

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NFL

DA receives 49er Miller's spousal battery case

The Santa Clara County District Attorney's office has received the case of 49ers fullback Bruce Miller, who was arrested on suspicion of spousal battery last week.

District attorney's spokeswoman Cynthia Sumida said in an email to The Associated Press on Wednesday that the case is under review and that Miller has a placeholder arraignment scheduled for April 20. The office will not release any documents or details regarding the facts of the case, she said.

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AUGMENTED REALITY

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may have to rethink your plans over the next few days as Saturn begins a retrograde phase. Don't give up on them completely though.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Take a look at your financial position and decide what steps need to be taken to improve your long-term security. Your main priority is to cut back on unnecessary expenses.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Know your limits and stay within them. No matter how far or fast you travel it's likely that something will bring you back to earth with a bump.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It seems you've finally realized that you have been wasting a lot of time and energy on something that is not worth the effort. It will fade in importance over the next few days.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Saturn, the great taskmaster of the zodiac, is urging you to be realistic about your aims and modest about your abilities.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The time has come to admit that a partnership is not working out as well as you expected. It's no big deal, and it is certainly not your fault. Some people you can do business with and some you cannot.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today, check once, check twice, then check a third time. Whatever you are planning you must make sure you have covered all the angles because a small detail could trip you up.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You will get what you deserve to get today, nothing more and nothing less. Now that you know that you won't be inclined to complain if what you get falls short of expectations.

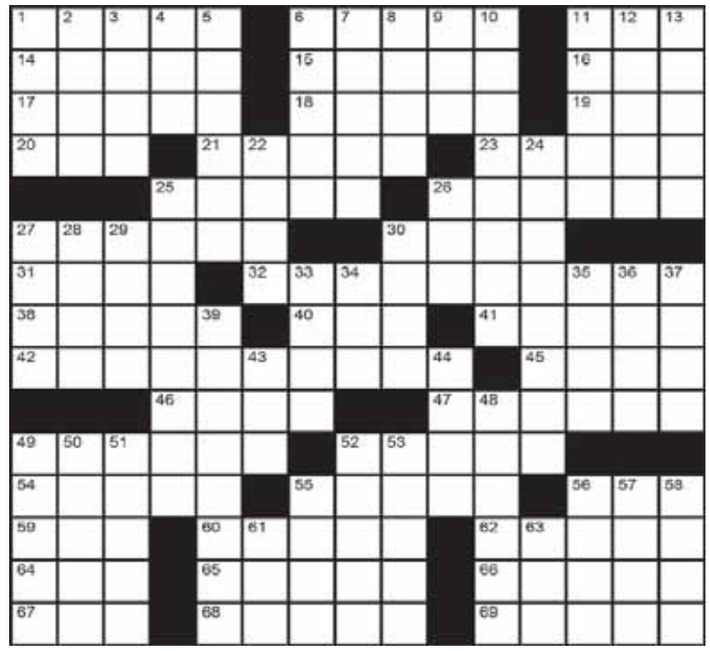
Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Saturn in your sign warns life is not as straightforward as you seem to think. What happens over the next few days will encourage you to plan ahead.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are convinced that the roof is going to fall in on you. So it will come as a nice surprise today when something wonderful happens instead.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will have to re-think certain ambitions over the next few days. New information will come to light that will make you realize there is more work involved than you imagined.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't get hung-up on long-term career plans. Yes, you can and must keep moving in your favoured direction but there is no need to be so rigid about it.

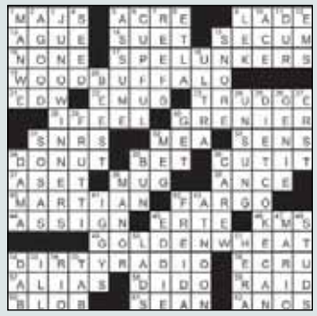
Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. "The Brothers __" (2005)
6. One-__ (Biased)
11. Speed __.
14. Mythological weeper
15. Restaurants: "Can I see _ __ please?"
16. "Gimme __ '_'!" (O-T-T-A-W-A cheer-starter)
17. "I now pronounce you..." site
18. Carnivore's dish, __ __ lamb
19. Drivel
20. Ms. Leoni
21. Ms. Kudrow's
23. Senses
25. Late night host Mr. O'Brien
26. Truly
27. Tourist attractions
30. Victoria-born artist Emily
31. In this spot
32. Nissan vehicle
38. Susan's "All My Children" role
40. Old Rome's deuce-ace
41. Harry __ (Sarnia, Ontario born hockey analyst)
42. Canadian fashion brand founded in 2002: 2 wds.
45. Canadian chanteuse Celine
46. Ireland
47. Iago's wife in Shakespearean tragedy Othello
49. Flying flickerers
52. Humdinger
54. Llama catcher
55. A famous Canadian Joe
56. "__ and Away" (1992)
59. Fall Boy link (Rock band)
60. Caffeine nuts
62. Royal adornment
64. Beatles: "_._. _ Love You"
65. Fennel-like flavour
66. Open the compressed computer file
67. 'Racket' suffix
68. Lion mane parts
69. Positioned oneself to pray

Down
1. Irritating fly
2. Vex
3. Whit
4. Commerce grad's letters
5. Bordeaux grape/wine
6. Spicy sauce
7. "_ __ business!"
8. Li'l grad-earned thingies
9. Roxy Music's Brian
10. Toronto subway station
11. Suit jacket flap
12. Counting everything: 2 wds.
13. One of Beatrix Potter's rabbits
22. Police dept. rank
24. Canadian singer The Weeknd's current hit tune off the 'Fifty Shades of Grey' soundtrack album: 2 wds.
25. Classic game
26. UK military fliers
27. FOX News anchor Mr. Smith, to pals
28. Yesterday: Italian
29. Smile
30. __ seeds (Health food store purchase)
33. $uffix to 'Billion'
34. __-for-tat
35. __ Eireann (Lower House of the Irish legislature)
36. H.G. Wells people
37. Blue Rodeo song
39. Northwestern Ontario town, the 'Canoeing Capital of Canada'
43. MGM's motto, __ Gratia Artis
44. At hand
48. Whale skin/blubber treat in the Arctic
49. Gradient
50. PVR remote button
51. Active
52. Uninterested
53. Lets up
55. Cut short
56. Unnerve
57. Seed's jacket
58. Transfixed
61. Judi Dench/Cate Blanchett movie, "Notes __ _ Scandal" (2006)
63. Stopover accommodation

Yesterday's Crossword



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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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2	3	7	5	9	6	4	1	8
5	6	1	7	8	4	3	2	9
7	5	4	9	1	2	6	8	3
3	2	6	8	4	5	7	9	1
9	1	8	3	6	7	2	5	4
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